

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Allowance

- I. Claims 1, 5-9, and 12-16 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

- II. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the prior art does not disclose determining at the common wireless network access point whether the access request was received from local user or guest, said determining including examining a user domain of a party seeking access to determine whether such user domain designates a guest domain; authenticating the request for access received at the common wireless network access point depending on whether the request was received from the guest or local user, wherein the authenticating step further comprises the step of communicating a request for authentication to one or more authentication servers, the authentication being performed differently depending on whether the party seeking access is a local user or a guest; if such authentication is successful, then routing traffic from the local user differently from the guest.

Claims 5-8 and 15 are allowed based on their dependence on allowed independent claim 1.

Claim 9 is allowed because the prior art does not disclose the at least one common wireless network access point determining whether the access request was received from a local user or a guest by examining if a user domain received with the access request indicates a guest

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domain, and the at least one common wireless network access point communicating a request for authentication to at least one server; the at least one server coupled to the at least one common wireless network access point for authenticating the request for access differently depending on whether the request was received from the guest or local user, and the at least one server also for receiving the request for authentication; means for routing traffic from the local user differently from the guest.

Claims 12-14 and 16 are allowed based on their dependence on allowed independent claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

III. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON MILLER whose telephone number is (571)272-7869. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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